

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

In Fig. 2, the streaming media assets 12 are transmitted from a media source 13 to a server 16 in a framework 20 including a file header frame 22, a thumbnail frame 24, a meta frame 26, a media frame 28 and an end of sequence frame 30. The header frame 22 includes a frame header which provides information about the frame size types, flags and frame level. The header frame also includes media information containing definition on different media tracks that may be contained in the file. For general information, the header frame provides the class name of the code that renders immediate type on the client station.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

The framework 20 is further described in Serial Number 09/268,537, supra.

Please replace paragraphs 3 and 4 beginning at page 6, line 4, with the following amended paragraphs:

In Fig. 3, the server 16, typically an IBM Apache web server, is linked through a network 19 to other content creation stations 14^{1...n}. An authoring Graphical User Interface (GUI) 31 interacts with a kernel library 32, compression/decompression library 33, and processor programs 34 including an XML interpreter 35, a content manager 36, and a multi threaded re-entrant data link library 37. The processor programs 34 interact with a script/batch tool 38. The kernel library includes a server side MVR authoring tool which takes an XML specification along with raw media data or compressed media data as input to create a corresponding MVR-XML file. The codec library provides compression and decompression for the MVR-XML file. The script/batch tool 38 takes a template file prepared by an author and fills the template with actual data length provided the user to create the MVR-XML file. The service side content injection program 36 allows the user to add more information including non-media (business) to the MVR-XML file. The multi-threaded, re-entrant data link library 36 37 enables the an authoring session manager 17 (see Fig. 1) to multiplex creators/users (not shown) linked through the network 19 to access the MVR files on the disk server 14.

The An authoring program 19 combines an XML text file and an MVR file as a composed MVR file available for execution on a multimedia player. The program 19 parses and renders XML instructions or tags contained within the XML text edited document. The instructions link the stored Rich Media assets as an application in the MVR file according to the textual specification prepared by a content creator.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

Returning to Fig.1, a text editing station 27 enables a content creator 29 to download the MVR file of Rich Media assets or an XML based MVR file (MVR-XML) from the server 14. Using any standard text editor, the content creator prepares an XML based textual specification and sends the specification to the server 14 along with the raw media assets or MVR files. The authoring program 19 at server 14 combines the XML text description file and raw media assets or MVR file to generate a new MVR-XML file, as an application according to the content creator's desires.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

Step 1: An authoring server 14 is activated to load and store an operating system 16, an XML program 18 and an authoring or batch processing program 19.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

Step 5: The server 14 executes the authoring program 18 and combines the XML specification and MVR file into a composed MVR-XML file as an application according to the XML text specification created by the content creator 29.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Step 7: The server 14 using the XML program 18 creates an XML specification for the graphically edited MVR file.